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SUBJ: MOMENT OF TRUTH DRAWING NEAR IN PORTUGUESE GUINEA?

FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF LISBON A-172 POUCHED THIS WEEK:

1. INSISTENT REPORTS THAT PAIGC WILL SOON DECLARE PORTUGUESE GUINEA INDEPENDENT, COUPLED WITH COSTLY LOSS OF AIRCRAFT IN THAT TERRITORY, MAY HAVE CONVINCED PORTUGUESE LEADERS THAT IT IS TIME TO SEEK A POLITICAL SOLUTION OR, AT A MINIMUM, BUILD A THIRD OPTION WHICH COULD BE USED FOR AN HONORABLE EXIT IF THINGS GET WORSE. PORTUGUESE HAVE GIVEN THE GUINEAN PEOPLE'S CONGRESS AT LEAST APPARENT
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POLITICAL POWER AND HAVE PROVIDED THAT 90 PERCENT OF

CONGRESS PARTICIPANTS WILL BE SELECTED BY UNIVERSAL ADULT SUFFRAGE. THE BALANTA PEOPLE, A MAJOR PROP OF THE PAIGC, HAVE BEEN PROMISED LAND OF THEIR OWN AND A BETTER FUTURE. IT MAY BE THAT THESE MEASURES AND OTHER RECENT DEVELOPMENTS COULD PROVIDE PORTUGAL WITH THE BASIS FOR LEAVING GUINEA IN LOCAL HANDS WITH SOVEREIGNTY ISSUE WAFFLED, AND ABLE TO DENY HAVING BEEN FORCED OUT BY PAIGC.

2. THERE ARE SIGNS THAT PAIGC ITSELF MAY BE INTERESTED IN REACHING A POLITICAL AGREEMENT WITH PORTUGAL, AND IT HAS BEEN RELIABLY REPORTED THAT THE PAIGC HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT IN THE PAST AND IS INVOLVED IN TALKS WITH PORTUGUESE REPRESENTATIVES IN PARIS AT THE MOMENT. THERE ARE SOME INDICATIONS THAT THE PAIGC IS WILLING TO DROP ITS CLAIM TO THE CAPE VERDE ISLANDS; THIS, IF TRUE, WOULD MEET A MAJOR PORTUGUESE GOAL. THE PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY HAS BEGUN PREDICTING A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT; WE WOULD NOT RULE IT OUT.
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